

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8-24 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 7 has been amended and claims 25 and 26 added.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 7 is allowable. Applicant has amended claim 7 to remove the recitation "and the search condition includes a condition that the search point lowers more as the number of assignment times of the code by said assigning means for the plurality of processes is larger." This feature is now included in added claim 25 which depends from amended claim 7. Added claim 26 is a method claim that parallels amended claim 7.

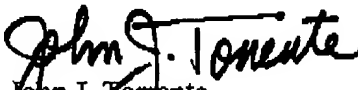
Amended claim 7 is believed to remain allowable and claim 25 is further allowable. Claim 26 is also believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, all claims remaining in the application are believed allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of same and this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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